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at which it was noticed during the past summer was Longport, a few miles south of Atlantic City.

The chairman, Professor E. S. Burgess, reported success in cultivating *Aster Amellus*, Virgil's favorite flower and the historic type of the genus *Aster*.

Adjournment followed.

MARSHALL A. HOWE

Secretary pro tem.

NEWS ITEMS

A. S. Hitchcock spent the summer months collecting and studying grasses in Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah and Colorado. Several weeks were spent in three of the National Forests of Nevada, the Toiyabe, Humboldt and Nevada. He was accompanied by his son Albert E. Hitchcock, who collected in Nevada a series of miscellaneous specimens.

Mrs. Agnes Chase, assistant in Systematic Agrostology, U. S. Department of Agriculture, is now in Porto Rico investigating the grass flora of that island.

Dr. J. N. Rose, who is making an exhaustive study of the Cactaceae of America, just returned from an extended trip through New Mexico and southwestern Texas, bringing back with him a collection of some 2,000 specimens of Cactaceae and other flowering plants.

On the evening of October 21 an audience of about one hundred people attended a meeting preliminary to the organization of a Botanical Society of Northeastern Ohio. The meeting was held in the New Kent State Normal School at Kent, Ohio, and was presided over by Professor L. S. Hopkins of that institution. The lecture of the evening was on the Botany of the Isle of Pines by Dr. O. E. Jennings of the Carnegie Museum, specimens being used for illustration. The second meeting, at which a committee consisting of Messrs. R. J. Webb, of Garrettsville, and A. D. Robinson and Walter Armstrong, of Ravenna, will report on constitution and nominate officers, will be held at Kent on November 21. At this meeting Supt. C. E. Bryant, of Coshoc-ton, Ohio, will speak on "The Orchids of Ohio."

Dr. H. H. Whetzel, professor of phytopathology at Cornell University, is spending a year at the University of Heidelberg.

The preliminary announcement for the International Botanical Congress of 1915 has been issued. The meetings will be held at London from May 22-29, 1915, and additional information may be obtained from Dr. A. B. Rendle, British Museum, Cromwell Road, London, S. W.

Dr. R. M. Harker has issued recently a geographical and statistical study on "The Forest Regions of the Mississippi in relation to the Lumber Industry." It takes up many questions of interest to the phytogeographer. The original paper appeared in *The Southern Lumberman* on 23 August, 1913.

According to the *Evening Post* Mr. Charles L. Pack, of Lakewood, N. J., has given \$6,000 to Princeton for the botanical-laboratory building fund.

At the University of West Virginia the following appointments have been made: Dr. A. Arkin, professor of bacteriology and pathology; Dr. L. J. Knight, plant physiologist in the experiment station, in coöperation with the University of Chicago University, and E. F. Woodcock, instructor in botany.

Mr. I. D. Odle has been appointed instructor in botany and bacteriology at the University of Florida. In the experiment station Mr. J. Matz has been appointed laboratory assistant in plant pathology, and Mr. O. F. Burger has been granted leave of absence for study at Harvard.

A. F. Blakeslee and C. D. Jarvis have issued, in pamphlet form, the keys contained in their "Trees in Winter" published early this year by Macmillan's. Keys to the genera and species of trees based on characters visible in winter are given in this pamphlet which will be of great use to teachers. It can only be obtained from the authors at Storrs, Conn. The price is thirty cents.

We learn from *Science* that Dr. Francis Gray Smart, of Tunbridge Wells, has left £10,000 to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, for two "Frank Smart Studentships" in natural

history or botany, and if this sum shall be more than sufficient to provide for these studentships the balance is to be used to promote the study of these subjects in that college.

Professor Josephine Tilden, of the department of botany, University of Minnesota, has returned from Australia and New Zealand, where she spent the past year in botanical research in the field and in collecting material in algology.

Mr. J. H. Muncie, assistant pathologist at the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station at Wooster, Ohio, has been appointed assistant in plant pathology at the Michigan Agricultural College, beginning with November 17.

The Botanical Society of Washington gave a dinner and special program at the Powhatan Hotel on Tuesday evening, Dec. 2, 1913, in honor of the 70th birthday of the veteran botanist, Dr. Edward Lee Greene. The program consisted as follows: Personal experiences, Mr. F. V. Coville. Rocky Mountain Botany, Prof. Aven Nelson. Berkleyan Days, Mr. V. K. Chestnut. Botanical Writings, Prof. A. S. Hitchcock. Reminiscences, Mr. Ivan Tidestrom. The society will also present Dr. Greene with a book-plate in honor of the occasion.

Prof. Aven Nelson, of the University of Wyoming, is spending the month of December in Washington in the study of plants in the U. S. National Herbarium.